

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

Group I, Claims 1-28 drawn to a system for processing workpieces; and

Group II, Claims 29-39 drawn to a method for processing a microfeature workpiece.

In response, the applicants elect Group I without traverse. Non-elected claims 29-39 have been cancelled without prejudice to pursuing these claims in a divisional or other application.

Upon allowance of generic claims, applicants request consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or which otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claims.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 291958241US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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